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SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL: IMPORTACIONES Y EXPORTACIONES "ISSA":

MC CASES 60734 AND 60735.

REFS: (A) STATE 129274; (B) LA PAZ 3529; (C) LA PAZ 6374; (D)

WORLD TRADERS DATA REPORT (WTDR) OF NOVEMBER 1972; AND

(E) WTDR OF JUNE 1972.

1. ARMANDO VELASQUEZ, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF WAR MATERIEL DEPARTMENT, BOLIVIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THE OFFICE WHICH GRANTS OR DENIES AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL IMPORTATION OF MUNITIONS INTO BOLIVIA, TOLD EMBASSY THAT IMPORT AUTHORIZATIONS EARLIER GRANTED TO SUBJECT FIRM HAVE BEEN REVALIDATED, ALTHOUGH IN REDUCED QUANTITIES. VALASQUEZ THEREAFTER CONFIRMED THAT SUBJECT FIRM AND ITS PRINCIPAL HAVE FULFILLED ALL REQUIREMENTS UNDER BOLIVIAN LAW FOR IMPORTATION OF MUNITIONS.

2. BOLIVIA'S NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORTS SUBJECT FIRM IS NOT NOW REGISTERED. HOWEVER, CHAMBER NOW REPORTS JUAN ISSA COOPECH HAS BEEN PERSONALLY INSCRIBED AS A ONE-MAN COMMERCIAL HOUSE SINCE DECEMBER 1971, A REPORT SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH THAT OBTAINED AT TIMES OF REFS (B) AND (C). FIRM IS STILL NOT REGISTERED WITH DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF COMMERCE.

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FYI: ALL COMMERCIAL FIRMS ARE STRONGLY AND OFFICIALLY

ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF COMMERCE, ALTHOUGH SOME OTHERWISE PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE SMALL FIRMS FAIL TO REGISTER WITH ONE OR BOTH FOR TAX PURPOSES).

3. NEITHER SUBJECT FIRM NOR JUAN ISSA C. ARE LISTED IN 1973 LA PAZ TELEPHONE BOOK, 1973 NATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY, (LA PAZ OR COCHABAMBA), OR 1973 GENERAL CLASSIFIED DIRECTORY OF BOLIVIA (LA PAZ OR COCHABAMBA).

4. FIRM'S ADDRESS, GIVEN BY JUAN ISSA C. AT TIME OF PREPARATION OF REF (D), I.E., AVENIN ASBUSCH 1365, PROVES TO BE A VERY NICE PRIVATE RESIDENCE WHICH SHOWS NO SIGN OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

5. SINCE APPROPRIATE GOB AUTHORITY SAYS SUBJECT FIRM IS QUALIFIED AND AUTHORIZED TO IMPORT MUNITIONS, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO APPROVE EXPORT LICENSE.

6. HOWEVER, EMBASSY FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO SEE FIRM, OR ITS OWNER, AS QUOTE ESTABLISHED DEALER IN ARMS FOR SPORTING PURPOSES END QUOTE AND BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. SIMPLY DOES KOB#

NEED THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF BUSINESS.
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